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OVER THE WORLD.

FOR THE BUSY READER

The Occurrences Of Seven Days Given
In An Epitomized Form For
Quick Reading

Foreign—

The fourth and fifth decisions against the retro-activity of article 27 were rendered recently, establishing a precedent and giving security to property rights acquired previous to the Constitution of Mexico in 1917.

According to the Herald of Mexico the conferences which will be held the first week in June in New York between Finance Minister de la Huerta and a committee of international bankers will have a much greater importance than at first was believed.

The flood of the Assiniboine River spreading and tremendous damage is being done to property, according to information from Reaumur, Man., where the inundation was reported at its worst.

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The United States will have representation on the mixed commission which will investigate internal affairs in Russia, and report on the advisability of making a loan, according to a Genoa dispatch to the Daily Express.

Another European conference to deal with the Russian problem exclusively will be held at The Hague about June 15. The United States is invited to attend, says a staff correspondent.

Peace in Ireland seems afar off, the Dail Eireann peace committee has failed to reach a basis for a settlement between the opposing factions. The report of the committee, presented was confined to the bare announcement that after eleven sessions the two sides had failed to agree even on a basis for peace. Furthermore they were not agreed in a joint report on the reasons for failure.

The American government finally has consented to the British mandate for Palestine, the Earl of Balfour informed the league of nations. He will request the council of the league to confirm the British mandate for Palestine during its forthcoming sessions, according to information obtained.

The German reply to the reparations note of April 13, which has been received by the reparations commission, protests the good will of the German government, but pleads the material impossibility of imposing sixty billion marks new taxes before May 31, or complying with all the conditions laid down on March 21.

Lord Northcliffe welcomed on his return from his world tour at a luncheon given by the Empire Press union made up of leading newspaper proprietors in the United Kingdom and the dominions warned England against alienating the affection of the Canadian people by neglecting the affairs of her American dominion. It must be remembered, he said, that small differences caused the separation from England of her American colonies at the time of the Revolution.

Washington—

John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross, will preside at the second national conference of state parks to be held at the Bear Mountain inn, Palisades Interstate park, New York, May 22 to 25.

The Federal Trade Commission recently called on the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and seven other large steel and iron companies to furnish it with specific information regarding their proposed merger before any transfers are consummated.

The selection of former Secretary of War Henry L. Gimson to head the special bureau to be set up in the Department of Justice to conduct war graft investigations had the effect of quieting demands in the House for an investigation of the handling of war contract inquiries and settlements by Attorney General Daugherty and Secretary of War Weeks.

Four developments in congressional consideration of proposals for developing the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate and power projects occurred in the senate agriculture and house military committees and on the senate floor. Chairman Norris, Nebraska, of the senate committee, introduced a bill providing for a semi-government corporation to take over and operate the nitrate and power projects for fifty years.

A bill granting amnesty to all persons held in federal prisons for violation of the war-time espionage laws was introduced in the senate by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota.

Mrs. John H. Bankhead, widow of Senator Bankhead, of Alabama, died at her home here after an illness of several months.

Child crusaders seeking the ear of President Harding with a plea for their political prisoner fathers, are now confronted with an internal foe. Mumps has broken out in the crusaders' camp.

Passed unanimously in the House and Senate, the narcotic bill, putting additional "teeth" in the Harrison act, awaited the signature of President Harding to become effective.

The senate passed a committee amendment putting 3 cents a pound duty on three different kinds of alcohol—amyl butyl and propyl—after having defeated by a vote of 10 to 40 an amendment placing the duty at one-quarter of a cent a pound.

Congress pushed ahead in granting Attorney General Daugherty an additional \$500,000 to set up a new bureau in the Department of Justice for investigation and prosecution of war contract frauds.

Declaring the United States was on the verge of the worst cotton famine in history, Senator Heflin, democrat, of Alabama, asked the Senate to make a thorough investigation of the New York Cotton Exchange for alleged price fixing and control through future sales. Heflin said the present cotton crop would be exhausted by July 1 and there would be no more planting because cotton growers were "financially ruined."

Domestic—

Vitoldi di Giorgio, of New Orleans, and James Gasco, of Buffalo, were shot and killed by mysterious assailants in a barber shop in the Italian quarter of the city of Chicago.

Three men and a woman, charged with a \$70,000 jewel theft, and said by the police to have an international reputation, were held in \$25,000 bail each in a magistrate's court, New York City, for examination.

Five persons are dead and four or five of the injured are in such a critical condition that it is expected they will die as a result of the wreck of the Lehigh Valley Railroad's fast Buffalo-New York train, the Black Diamond express, at the Lake Road crossing west of Leroy, N. Y.

Honor among bootleggers and their customers may seem impossible, but local officers say they found evidence of it in a recent raid near York, Pa. The first thing that greeted the officers when raiding a building where 150 gallons of "home-made" was on tap was a small sign reading: "Notice: Put all money in this box."

Nathan Rosen, one of the 14 prisoners injured by guards in the quelling of the mutiny of 150 convicts at the state penitentiary recently, died at the Columbia (S. C.) Hospital.

Damage estimated at nearly \$500,000 was caused at Bristol, Va.-Tenn., and in this vicinity by a flood in Beaver Creek, caused by a cloudburst.

Despondency over the necessity of undergoing an operation is believed to have caused Brit Wood, 23, employed by the Lawrenceville Drug Company, to fire a bullet into his brain, recently at Lawrenceville, Ga.

The British steamer Seneca has been ice-bound off Cape Canso, Nova Scotia, since May 4, with the Canadian coast guard cutter Montcalm, endeavoring to break the ship loose before she drifted ashore on the banks in the vicinity, according to reports received by the hydrographic office from the Canadian service. Dispatches received say the two ships were closely hemmed in by ice which extends "as far as can be seen."

Construction work on the new naval vessels will be materially slowed down after July 1, unless some money is provided by congress, the senate appropriations committee, revising the naval appropriation bill passed by the house has been told by Secretary Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Rear Admiral Taylor, construction chief.

Governor Cooper of South Carolina is said to have loomed to the front as a leading possibility for the vacancy on the federal farm loan board, caused by the resignation of A. F. Lever.

Supplies sufficient to last the flood-stricken people of the northern part of Concordia parish, Louisiana, for a week have been distributed by the Red Cross, assisted by national guardsmen.

One death from heat was reported at St. Paul, Minn. The temperature reached 86 degrees. The victim an unidentified woman.

Two painters were seriously burned and a property loss of \$75,000 resulted at Birmingham, Ala., when explosion of a gasoline tank set fire to the plant of the Birmingham Buggy company.

Unable after one day's deliberation to identify the cave man Bluebeard alleged to have slain pretty Lillian White and left her bones on a mountain top near Haverstraw, N. Y., the Rockland county grand jury went through a mass of new evidence seeking an indictment.

A federal investigation of the simultaneous advances in the price of gasoline recently made by the large oil companies operating in this territory was ordered by W. J. Burns, head of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

The federal government was asked to deport Lady Astor as an undesirable alien by the General A. S. Burt camp, Spanish-American War Veterans in a resolution adopted at Passaic, N. J.

Operation of all soviet clothing and textile factories in Russia will be turned over to an American workers' society to be known as the American-Russian Trade Industrial Workers' association.

The blimp A-4 arrived safely at Langley field after having drifted about over the ocean off Cape Henry for an hour and a half with her engines dead.

Bishops of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South, will continue to be elected for life instead of for specified term of years.

COTTON FAMINE SEEN BY HEFLIN

SAYS SUPPLY OF STAPLE WILL
BE EXHAUSTED BY THE
FIRST OF JULY

ASKS FOR PROBE COMMITTEE

Alabama Senator Demands Thorough
Investigation Of Alleged Price
Control By Future Sales

Washington.—Declaring the United States is on the verge of the worst cotton famine in history, Senator Heflin (Democrat of Alabama) asked the senate the other day to make a thorough investigation of the New York cotton exchange, the Chicago board of trade and the New Orleans cotton exchange for alleged price fixing and control through future sales.

Heflin said the present cotton crop would be exhausted by July 1, and there would be no more planting because cotton growers are "financially ruined."

A resolution introduced by Heflin called for the appointment of a senate committee to investigate the relations of transactions for future delivery on the cotton exchanges and boards of trade in the United States to prices of cotton and grain. The committee would hold hearings in New York, New Orleans, Chicago and Washington.

Heflin charged the number of bales of cotton involved in transactions on the cotton exchanges for future delivery "exceeds by ten to fifteen times all the cotton raised in the United States for the same period."

Heflin said the cotton exchange and the Chicago board of trade "in order to more effectually insure the domination of prices and control of the market necessities" kept a record of every transaction, but refused to permit continuous quotations of prices to be disclosed to the public "except under certain circumstances as to be of little value."

Heflin also charged entry into contracts for the delivery to and transmission by "certain telegraph companies" of the exchange's board of trade's continuous quotations of the prices sold for future delivery with such restrictions and conditions attached as to "even more effectually insure the control of the market by the cotton exchanges and boards of trade."

Heflin asserted his resolution was aimed to forestall the impending cotton famine "if it is possible at all to prevent its visitation upon the country."

SILESIA TREATY BETWEEN GERMANS AND POLES READY

Two Nations, As Result Of Work Of
League Of Nations, Sign
Pact Of Peace

Geneva.—Germany and Poland through the good offices of the league of nations, have ended their dispute over the rich Silesian coal and iron basin. They will sign a treaty of settlement providing for unified administration of the great industrial district by a mixed commission in the presence of the council of the league of nations.

This is regarded as the greatest achievement of the league, with the possible exception of the international court project, for it brings to an end a dispute which nearly led to war between Germany and Poland, precipitated a local revolution almost split the allies asunder when Lloyd George and Briand, then French premier, had their famous controversy, and has held back Europe's industrial recovery materially because of the unsettled conditions it caused.

In achieving this settlement the league of nations make a contribution that will remove a source of much ill-feeling in the heart of Europe and will make it possible for the Silesian industrial district to be geared up to its highest capacity. This is expected to infuse new life into the whole economic and industrial machinery of continental Europe.

Dixie Dry Goods Men Honor Berry
Birmingham.—A. Y. Berry, of Fort Smith, Ark., was elected president of the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods association.

S. C. Convict Dies From Riot Wound

Columbia, S. C.—Nathan Rosen, one of the fourteen prisoners injured by guards in the quelling of the mutiny of one hundred and fifty convicts at the state penitentiary the other afternoon, died at the Columbia hospital. His death was caused by injuries received when the penitentiary guards, reinforced by the state, county and city officers, fired upon the prisoners lined up in front of the chair factory, which is operated by prison labor within the penitentiary walls. The cause of the mutiny has not been made public.

Dies Rather Than Be Operated On

Lawrenceville, Ga.—Despondency over the necessity of undergoing an operation is believed to have caused Brit Wood, 23, employed by the Lawrenceville Drug company, to fire a bullet into his brain the other morning. According to relatives, Wood had been in ill health for several months, and it had been decided by attending physicians to operate. When physicians announced their decision, Wood, it is understood, told relatives he "could not stand the thought of it." Hence his death.

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How do you expect the Postal Clerk to know whether you mean Trinidad, California, or Trinidad, Colorado?

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Report of the condition of
The Valle Crucis Bank

at Valle Crucis, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on May 5, 1922.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$95,084.15
Overdrafts secured	434.22
unsecured	362.30
U. S. and Liberty Bonds	650.00
Premium on bonds	89.25
Banking house	1370.39
Furniture and fixtures	1140.41
Cash in vault and aunts due from banks, bankers and Trust Companies	4,547.05
Cash items held over 24 h'rs	136.50
Checks for clearing	51.45
Total	\$103,865.72

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	21,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,150.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	114.36
Notes and Bills Rediscounted	4,000.00
Bills payable	13,500.00
Deposits subject to check	11,905.71
Time certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	8,844.20
Time certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	39,753.91
Savings deposits	1,202.95
Cashier's checks outstanding	311.34
Total	\$103,865.72

State of North Carolina, County of Watauga. I, L. M. Farthing, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. M. FARTHING, Cashier
H. B. PERRY
C. D. TAYLOR
D. F. MAST Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1922.
W. H. MAST, J. P.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Watauga County, subject to the action of the Republican Convention on May 22. If I am nominated and elected, I promise the citizens to make them the best officer that within my power lies.

Respectfully,
5-4 3tc. N. C. GREENE.

NOTICE

An order having been made by the Clerk of the Superior Court, appointing the undersigned a commissioner to sell for partition the lands known as the B. J. Greene lands, situated at Blowing Rock, N. C. and containing about 140 acres. I will on the 29th day of May offer said lands for sale to the highest bidder at the court house door in Boone, N. C. Terms to be announced on day of sale. This 24th day of April '22.
G. M. SUDDERTH
4-24-4tc. Commissioner

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Fred R. Farthing, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of March 1923 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 16th day of March 1922.
C. C. FARTHING, Adm.

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POINCARÉ REJECTS REPLY PRESENTED BY RUSSIA

Paris.—"The Russian reply is utterly inacceptable," Premier Poincaré of France declared after reading the note presented to the allies at Genoa by M. Tchitcherin.

"The French delegation will not be permitted to participate further in the work of the political sub-committee at the Genoa conference," he said.

"An immediate rupture of relations with Russia was believed probable by those who heard the French premier's denunciation of the Soviet note. Poincaré declared the French delegation was remaining temporarily at Genoa only because the economic questions, such as transportation, were considerable, and France wished to participate helpfully.

"The Russian reply is ironical, pompous, hypocritical and inacceptable from every point of view," Poincaré said. "I do not believe a single nation can possibly accept such a contradiction of the Cannes program. The reply does not contain a single word on which to base the slightest hope. Neither allies nor neutrals can accept it."

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Lisbon, Portugal.—The Portuguese flyers have resumed their interrupted trans-Atlantic flight. They left the island of Fernando Noronha in a new Fairley hydro-aeroplane exactly at noon, Greenwich mean time, although the wireless message announcing the start of the flight did not make clear their route. It is believed they intend to fly to St. Paul Rocks, and then proceed to Brazil, completing their flight from Portugal, which was begun at Lisbon more than a month ago. No one has been injured.

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